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New England District

696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742-2751

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Date: February 1, 2000**  
**Comment Period Ends: March 1, 2000**  
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NH DOT Project 12760  
to  
Upgrade Route 302  
in  
Carroll and Bethlehem  
  
Request for comments

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation, has requested a Corps of Engineers permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to: place small amounts of fill in a large number of waters, primarily streams which cross the road and in wetlands beside the road, in conjunction with the upgrading of a segment of Route 302 between Pierce bridge and Twin Mountain. The road bed will be reconstructed, new pavement laid down, humps and dips will be eliminated, shoulders added and minor alignments shifts made to be consistent with the presently posted speeds. The area of fill involved is slightly over 3 acres for the 5 mile long improvement. The purpose of the project is to make the road better, safer and more maintenance free. See attached plans.

We are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.

Sincerely,

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR  
DETAILS OF EVALUATION  
FACTORS

David H. Killoy, P.E., C.P.G.  
Chief, Permits & Enforcement Section  
Regulatory Branch

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity in the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The District Engineer has determined that there is a potential for the proposed work to effect properties listed or proposed for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. This project will be reviewed at regular meeting of the resource agencies involved in making decisions regarding funding and permitting of such NH DOT projects. Potential effects by the proposed undertaking(s) on section 106 historical or archeological resources will be taken into account in the permit decision.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- ( X ) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- ( ) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- ( X ) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved Coastal Zone Management Programs. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

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